

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 10, 2004 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-10 are pending in this application, with claim 1 being the only independent claim.

Claim 1 has been rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,895,291 to Furio et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claim 1 has been canceled.

Claims 2-10 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been rewritten to include all the limitations of claim 1. Therefore, claim 2 is allowable. Claims 3-10, depending from rewritten claim 2, are therefore also allowable.

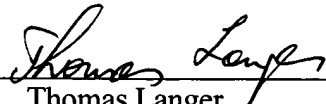
Based on all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action to this effect and early passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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